

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1840

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.08.475 AND AMENDING SECTION 13.08.540 REGARDING SEWER SERVICE

WHEREAS, it is more difficult to collect delinquent sewer accounts that do not also have City water service, because the City does not have the ability to shut off the customer's water service; and

WHEREAS, authorizing the utility to require a deposit from sewer customers that do not have City water service will provide the City with security in the event of delinquency; and

WHEREAS, the City needs more flexibility in determining sewer rates for customers outside the City when the customers are located in another City and the service is provided under an interlocal agreement between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, enacting the modifications contained herein will be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Fife; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 13.08.475 is hereby added to the Fife Municipal Code to read as follows:

FMC 13.08.475 Security Deposits.

At the time of application for sewer service to premises not receiving water service from the city, the city may require that the applicant requesting service deposit with the city a sum of money equal to two times the total average monthly sewer utility bill for the premises, to secure payment for sewer service. This provision does not in any way affect the property owner's liability for charges or the lien rights of the city against the premises to which the services are furnished as provided in FMC 13.08.490. Security deposits shall not accrue interest.

Section 2. Section 13.08.540 of the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.08.540 Service outside city – Rates and charges.

A. Sewer service rates, fees, connection charges, permit fees and inspection fees for connections outside the corporate limits of the city shall be at the same rates, fees and charges as within the corporate limits of the city, plus a 50 percent

surcharge, except when sewer service is provided by the city of Fife to property within another city pursuant to an interlocal agreement, then the sewer service rates, fees, connection charges, permit fees and inspection fees may be set in accordance with the terms of the interlocal agreement.

B. Before connection is made with the municipal sewer system, the property owner whose property is to be serviced by such extension shall execute a bill of sale to the city for the sewer main and appurtenances, and an easement, if required by the city, for the sewer main and appurtenances.

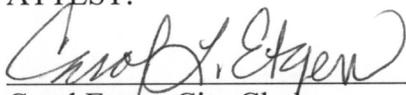
Section 3. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof, provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

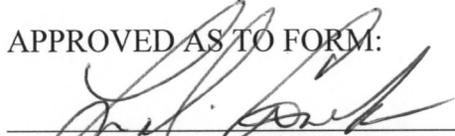
Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced on the 13th day of August 2013.

Passed by the City Council on the 13th day of August, 2013.


David K Zabell, City Manager

ATTEST:

Carol Etgen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Loren D. Combs, City Attorney

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